(c) the steps being taken to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Nil.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	*Category*	*SC*	*ST*
1.	Group 'A'	22	9
2.	Group 'B'	29	4
3.	Group 'C'	45	10
4.	Group 'D'	24	4

Amount given by Financial Institutions to projects sanctioned by NSFDC

6822. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the details of the amount provided by IDBI/ICICI/IFCI and other financial institutions for the projects sanctioned by or sponsored through the National Scheduled Castes and Tribes Finance and Development Corporation during each of the last two years, project-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): IDBI/ICICI/IFCI an other financial institutions have not provided any amount for the projects sanctioned by or sponsored through the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation during the last two years.

[*Translation*]

Water and Wind Erosion Problem in Orissa and Gujarat

6823. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the geographical area in Orissa and Gujarat affected by water and wind erosion during the last three years;

(b) the value of crops lost as a result thereof during the last three years;

(c) the funds allocated by the Union Government to these States in this regard; and

(d) the details of the works carried out in these states during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) According to available information area affected by water and wind erosion including land degradation annually in Orissa and Gujarat are 78.03 lakh hectare and 125.85 lakh hectare respectively.

(b) Information is being collected from the States.

(c) The funds allocated to the States of Orissa and Gujarat under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects (RVP) and Central Assistance to State Plan for Reclamation and stabilisation of Ravinous Area and Control of Shifting Cultivation Scheme for the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	*Scheme*	*Orissa*	*Gujarat*
1.	CSS of RVP	772.52	387.42
2.	Ravine Reclamation	Nil	526.82
3.	Snifting Cultivation	280.00	Nil
	Total	1052.52	914.24

(d) Information is being collected from the States.

12.00 hrs.

[*English*]

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Speaker, Sir,.....

MR. SPEAKER: Somnath ji, after Shri Nitish Kumar you may speak.

[*Translation*]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (Barh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the House and the Government to an important issue. Recently, a fierce controversy was raging throughout the country over the sharing of cauvery water, particularly between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu States.But a more serious dispute than that of sharing of water of Sone river by Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The Centre is also involved. An agreement was reached through which it was decided to release 5 million acre feet (m.a.f.) of water to Bihar on priority basis from Sone canals of Bihar which are more than 100 years old. But it is being violated. It has been violated for the last many years not only by the Government of Uttar Pradesh but by N.T.P.C. also.....(*Interruptions*). It was the pereptual right of Bihar to utilise its water. Today, the farmers of the Sone region are staging dharna at Boat club to register their protest against this violation and the matter is going to assume serious dimensions. Taking the m.a.f. factor into account, Bihar was to get a total of 5 m.a.f. of water on priority basis. A policy decision was taken at a Secretary-level meeting held in the Ministry of Irrigation in 1983 and it was decided that if any State utilises the water for other purposes except for irrigation and hydel projects, it will have to use water from its own share and 5 m.a.f. of water would continued to be supplied constantly to the remaining canals of Bihar at any cost. Only after that the water may be utilised for other purposes. But unfortunately, the Government of Uttar Pradesh was given the right to construct hydel power project by using water from the Rihand reservior. But water is being used